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by the parties, official records, documents central to plaintiffs' claim and documents sufficiently referred to in the complaint. Mack v. South Bay Beer Distributors, 798 F.2d 1279, 1282 (9th Cir. 1986); Watterson v. Page, 987 F.2d 1, 3 (1st Cir. 1993).

The Caltrans Adopt-a-Highway Program Guidelines and Coordinator's handbook is an official record which is central to plaintiff's claim. The authenticity of this document is not in dispute by the parties. Because this document is an official record central to plaintiff's claim and its authenticity is not in dispute, the Court is able to take judicial notice of this document without converting defendants' motion for dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b) into one for summary judgment.

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